

*Levy of Duty at the Alleppey Sea Customs House.*

43. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam cum Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether they have received any complaint about the short levy of duty at the Alleppey Sea Customs House on goods imported through that port? Who is the officer responsible for it? What is the estimated loss sustained by Government on that account?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative, with regard to the first part of the question. In view of the above answer, the latter parts of the question do not arise.

*Appointments made by the Chief Justice.*

44. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of appointments, permanent, temporary and acting, made by the Chief Justice of the High Court from Chingam 1096, up to date, showing, in the case of temporary and acting appointments, whether the persons appointed are now in service?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information, as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection would be out of proportion to its utility.

*Appointment of Ramaswami Aiyar in the High Court.*

45. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) Is it a fact that, when a *sub-protem.* vacancy of a clerk occurred in the grade of Rs. 25 to Rs. 50 in the High Court, the Chief Justice appointed one Ramaswami Aiyar who has only passed the School Final Examination and who had held no appointment before? Were there not Nair graduate applicants for the place at the time?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the above appointment was made when there were temporary clerks on Rs. 25 and Rs. 20 in the High Court, and if so, why?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes. Ramaswami Aiyar is not a mere English School Leaving Certificate holder but has passed the Intermediate Examination. The appointment was one in the undergraduate scale which should not be given to a graduate under the standing orders of Government.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative. The temporary clerks referred to are still continuing and *sub-protem.* tenure is not always superior to temporary tenure.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to State whether there were no supernumerary hands at the time when this appointment was made?

[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There were no supernumeraries in the High court at the time.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There were many other supernumeraries at the time of the reorganisation.

PRESIDENT: You cannot make a statement. You can only put a question.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were no supernumeraries in other departments eligible for the post?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said there were no supernumeraries in the High Court. As to whether there were any supernumeraries in other departments, I claim notice.

*Constables without Numbers.*

46. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 144, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 10th Vrischikam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Reserve Inspector of Police has submitted a list of the constables belonging to the Reserve Force who appeared without numbers? If so, will the Government be pleased to place that list on the table?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Reserve Inspector has submitted a list of the constables who had not been supplied with numbers, but not of those who actually appeared without numbers. The Inspector's list cannot be laid on the table.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many constables went to the College on that particular day?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Printing of Students' Strike Papers.*

47. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have got the papers connected with the incidents of the 5th Kanni, 1097, printed, as promised by them in answer to the interpellations asked at the meetings of the Legislative Council held on the 31st July and the 25th November, 1922? If not, why are they not printed even after such a long time?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to get those papers printed before the close of this session?